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## COCKE COUNTY VOTES \$100,000 FOR MORE GOOD ROADS ONE WEEK LEFT OF THE BIG PLAIN TALK PIANO CONTEST

### VOTE MORE BONDS

Cocke County's Court Determines That Roads Be Completed.

#### HAD VERY LIVELY FIGHT

The Vote Was Close, But the Progressive Members of the Court Would Not Stand for a Backward Step—Some Choice Oratory is Turned Loose For and Against Bonds.

The County Court voted an issuance of \$100,000 Monday to complete the pike roads, but the new issue was made only after a very stubborn fight, and the vote was close, being 11 to 8.

Those who favored the issue were: Esquires Tom Huff, Jones, Moore, Bible, A. McMahan, Y. J. McMahan, Clevenger, J. W. Kyker, O'Neil, Green and Padgett. Those who voted against it were: Esquires DeBuske, Hicks, Dan Kyker, J. B. Huff, Wood, Brooks, Mantooth and McGaha.

The fight against the bond issue was a peculiar one. There were two factors, the jealousy between the two banks as to the place for depositing the money and the personal feeling of members of the court in the Ninth district, who contended that they had not received what they had been promised by former commissioners, at the time the work was first planned. The Ninth and Tenth district members of the court voted solidly against the issue. No political lines were drawn.

The matter was brought up when the resolution was introduced authorizing the issuing of the bonds and setting out the denomination thereof. 'Squire Green moved that the issue be made, and 'Squire Jones gave him a second. The contention of the banks was brought in the limelight when 'Squire Green moved that the resolution carry the stipulation that the money be deposited in the First National Bank of Newport. The chairman stated that this was without authority of the court as the act directed that the Pike Commission deposit the funds.

#### WANTED SQUARE DEAL

President Susong of the First National Bank, asked for the floor and stated that he could not see why the court did not have the authority to direct where the money was to be deposited, if it had the authority to direct that it be appropriated. He said that his bank had never received a "square deal" in the distribution of the other money and that his bank had not received a "square deal" in the distribution of the accounts of the Trustee, as he had a contract which had not been "lived up to." Chairman McMahan asked the Trustee if such was the case, and this caused President Susong to produce the contract, but the chairman ruled it out of order, as it did not pertain to the question before the house.

Mr. Gorrell of the Pike Commission, at this point stated that the Pike Commissioners would get what they could for the money and would give it to the bank offering the highest sum for it. 'Squire DeBuske at this stage moved that the consideration of the issue be put off until January. This

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Record Holder Who Will Try to Fly From Ocean to Ocean.



precipitated the fight and Mr. Weaver of the Pike Commission, stated that if the court ever decided to complete the roads, that this was the time to do it, as the Pike Commission, unless given the authority to continue the work at this court, would close out the work as soon as possible, and that rock crushers, grading and macadam outfits here at present would be allowed to go, and that by January most of them would be elsewhere, and if the work was authorized at that time, it would mean that the county would be taxed with the cost of bringing them back here. Mr. Weaver stated that if the majority of the court at any time desired his resignation, that he would gladly give it to them; that he had done his work unselfishly and what he thought was for the best interests of the county.

#### FEELS ASHAMED OF HIMSELF

It remained for Col. W. J. McSweeney to strike the note however, which shows how the people of Cocke county feel. He stated that he had always been opposed to and had fought bonds. He said he had fought the issue of \$200,000, but that inasmuch as that \$200,000 has been issued, and it will take another \$100,000 to complete and save what has been done, he is certainly not opposed to another issue at this time. He said we can't get along with what we have unless we spend more money and complete them. If you ain't going to issue any more bonds, he said, kill it now in order that these commissioners may know what they are doing, but if you are going to make any other issue now is the time to do it. We know we can't complete what we have started out to do, the contractors are here, they can complete the work cheaper than any body else and it is up to you gentlemen. Here is a Commission, familiar with the work, men who have been honest men whose honesty and integrity has never been questioned. Why turn these down and run a risk, a chance of getting new men at some future date.

"Sometimes I feel ashamed of myself," he said, "because I did not take the lead in the fight for this two hundred thousand bond issue instead of fighting it. Things have changed, we see our sister counties spreading out a net work of good roads which lead our citizens to their own towns and we know that Cocke county must have good roads, too, to keep a pace of them, and we have found out that we can't do without them. If I had the chance to undo the work which has been done these past two years in road building, instead of saying that it was wrong to issue bonds I would not take it back."

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### CRUSHED BY FREIGHT CARS

R. D. McMahan Sustains Serious Injuries at Crestmont.

#### IS RUSHED TO KNOXVILLE

His Youth, Together With His Strength and the Promptness in Which He Was Hurried to Knoxville, Gave Him an Even Chance for Recovery.

Caught between two freight cars, R. D. McMahan, conductor of the freight train on the Tennessee & North Carolina Railroad, was badly crushed last Friday morning, and so severely injured that he was rushed to the Lincoln Memorial Hospital at Knoxville, where a dangerous operation was performed in the hope of saving his life.

At the time of the accident, McMahan, who is a brother of Superintendent A. J. McMahan, of the Tennessee & North Carolina Railroad, was coupling two cars in the yard at Crestmont, when the engine backed into his train and the cars came together, with the coupling rod striking him near the abdomen, and making an ugly wound to the front of the abdomen, and badly bruising the main artery to the leg.

At the hospital the artery was given whatever attention was possible and the injured man, because of his strength and youth, rallied from the shock and it is believed that he will recover. The accident happened at 6 a. m., just before the hour for the regular passenger run to Newport, and as a result he was given prompt attention and was rushed to the hospital. Dr. Shields, company physician, brought him to Newport, and Dr. Barnett attended him on the trip to Knoxville.

### DR. SMITH REPORTS ON SMALL-POX SITUATION

Tells the County Court of the Spread of the Disease and His Report is Practically the Same as the Story Published in The Plain Talk Two Weeks Ago.

Dr. R. C. Smith, health officer, reported to the county court Monday morning as to the small-pox situation. He stated that he desired to give a candid statement to the court of the recent outbreak. He said that a young lady from this county visited in Hamblen county in a section where there was small-pox but did not visit at an infected house. However, she must have come in contact with the germs, for when she returned to her home near Fowler's Grove she attended a protracted meeting held at the church there. Some days after the meeting adjourned ten or 14 families discovered the presence of the disease. The first report he had of it was when he was called to see Decatur Phillips, who resided five or six miles from the church, and then he found that the case was most serious and anticipated death.

He says that there are from 35 to 45 families infected, and that he has seen a member of every family and has urged them to keep away from their neighbors and that he has been promised by all that they would stay on their own premises. Cocke county, he stated has no pest house, and no detention camp, and he considered that the only way to treat with an epidemic of the nature of the one now prevailing, was to put the people on

### SHOWS BOOZE FROM NEWPORT

Violation of Law in this Town a Factor in Nashville Election.

#### HOWSE DEFENDS HIMSELF

Says He Cannot Be Expected to Enforce the Law in a City the Size of Nashville When it is Not Enforced in a Town of 3,000.

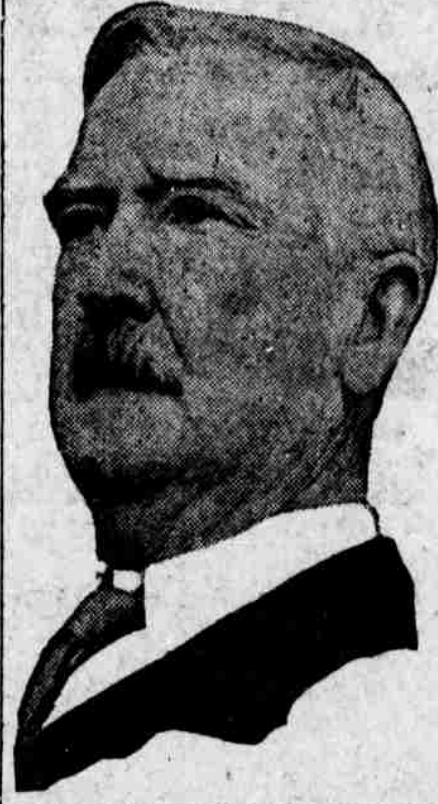
The violation of the state-wide liquor law in Newport is being made a factor in a municipal election in Nashville. Mayor Howse is making a determined fight for re-election and he is defending his inability to enforce the liquor laws by producing liquor purchased in Newport and makes the claim that it is ridiculous to think that he can enforce the law in a city the size of Nashville, when it is flagrantly violated in a town the size of Newport, Newport being cited because it is the home town of the governor.

Every night, during his speech Mayor Howse exhibits whisky said to have been purchased in Newport. In one of his speeches he made the following reference to Newport:

"More on this state-wide question: Governor Hooper went all over the state telling what he would do to violators of this law. How he would put them on the rock pile, etc., but I have yet to hear of a single conviction under his administration and he has been in office nearly a year. The Governor says I ought to enforce it in Nashville. I want to say to the Governor that I sent a man—Mr. Robert Corbett—to Newport, his home town, and he came back and said he

EMMET O'NEAL.

Governor of Alabama, Who Attended Recent Conference.



could stand on the steps of Gov. Hooper's law office and take a yarn ball and throw it into three saloons. He bought whisky and beer in these places and here it is." The Mayor then displayed the bottles and declared they were not purchased for the purpose of sending anybody to the rock pile. "I wouldn't do a trick like that," he said. If I procured a bottle of whisky with that in view," he declared, "I would feel like serving the sentence for the man when he was convicted."

"I want to say to Maj. Stahlman and his Governor," he continued, "that before they seek to clean up Nashville, they should clean up their home town. Newport has only about 3,000 inhabitants, and it would be an easy task to enforce the state-wide law there. Start in Newport. Governor, for I have got the goods on you."

#### LIGHTNING STRIKES RUTHERFORD'S HOME

A severe storm played about Newport last Friday, and lightning struck the home of Joe Rutherford on Jones Hill, and after playing some pranks, escaped without doing much damage, although Mrs. Rutherford was struck on the head and arm by falling bricks and slightly injured.

The lightning entered the Rutherford home at the chimney shot down through the ceiling breaking its way through the plaster and evidently attracted by the quicksilver on the back of the glass of the dresser, burned it off, broke the glass and escaped from the house in some mysterious way.

Mrs. Rutherford was standing in the yard at the time, when bricks from the chimney came tumbling down.

Upon entering the room where the lightning had been there was an odor of something burning, but the window which was raised had caused such a draft that no fire resulted.

#### PRISONER KILLED AT MINE IN MUTINY

Chattanooga, Tenn., Oct. 1.—Officials of the Bushy Mountain branch of the state penitentiary tonight state that the mutiny of convicts there is at an end and that no further trouble is feared. The convicts tonight made promise that they would resume their task tomorrow morning as usual.

As a result of the three days' mutiny three of the convicts are dead. One Duncan, a negro murderer of Knox county; Charles Crawford, negro, and a negro whose name cannot be learned, are those killed. Two were shot while in the mines, the third, an innocent bystander, not engaged in the mutiny, died of wounds received during the battle in one of the dormitories.

Regardless of the promises of the convicts that they will go to work, an additional number of guards has been placed in the prison.

### WILL SOON CLOSE

Another Big Bonus Offer Has Been Announced for This Week.

#### GIVE 48,000 FREE VOTES

Every Twenty Dollars Turned in Will Mean a Big Vote for the Contestant—Pretty Watch Will Be Given Away to the Highest Vote Getter of the Present Week.

To make the few remaining days of the contest real interesting to contestants, I have decided to give 48,000 extra votes for every twenty dollars turned in up to and including 5 p. m., Wednesday October 11. This will give those contesting for the watch, an opportunity of applying their clubs on the votes for this handsome little piece of jewelry as there are three days, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week in which to turn in your clubs and have the votes apply on the watch.

A baseball game is interesting while it lasts, a prize fight creates some comment, but not from the better classes; a tornado generally has an audience of its own, although an unwilling one. Even a political campaign attracts some little attention, but the excitement from such minor affairs soon blows over, while The Plain Talk is obliged to stick to the statement that the entire county is generally interested in this great voting contest and there are going to be very few dull moments during the remainder of the friendly battle of ballots.

Every contestant in the race has awakened to fact that this contest is not a trivial affair and that their first estimate of the number of votes it would take to win is about "a" teen hundred thousand short of the real figures. Some rather reluctantly admit that they were a million shy in their first estimate.

Well, what of it? If your estimate was too low, it is up to you to rise to the occasion and meet the situation.

Reverse our own figures. Make a new estimate of the number of votes you have decided will about suit you and then start out to get them, and don't stop until you do it. It is going to take a big vote to win. You are sure of that, and the way to do it is to get results every day; you will find that the contest is not a very long affair if you will stay busy. Get everybody that is interested in you and your success, to get out and do something for you during the extra hours offer twenty dollars means 48,000 extra votes to you, and you are going to need every vote and the help of every friend you have, for there is only one more week till the popular contest closes.

It will be the folks who fully realize this and are governed accordingly that will be the happy ones when the contest is over.

A good many of the contestants have been thinking deeply and have sized up the situation thoroughly, realizing that this contest is the biggest thing of its kind that this county has ever heard of.

They realize that the prizes are not

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